

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 19 SEPTEMBER 1955

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1. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] is interested in establishing St/PC as an advisory unit for classification problems of Geographic Area reports. [REDACTED] will discuss D/GG publication problems with [REDACTED] to determine if a meeting of St/PC and D/GG personnel is needed.

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2. [REDACTED] asked about the application for employment by [REDACTED] who is now with AMS, as he might be a good prospect for D/GP. [REDACTED] will investigate his qualifications.

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3. The new personnel ceilings and problems of over-encumbrance of positions were discussed with the number of resignations and transfers during the last twelve months being considered as a basis for estimating a proper number of over-encumbrances per division at any time. It was noted that the unfilled slots in D/GP cannot be used by the other divisions.

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4. [REDACTED] expressed pleasure with the fact that virtually all personnel of the Area are now slotted against the positions in which they are actually working.

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5. The urban areas studies program was discussed and [REDACTED] suggested that he should meet with [REDACTED] and possibly the AD/RR and a representative of DD/P to determine how much of the urban area program can be continued. It was agreed that we should try to keep active a small urban area research effort.

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6. [REDACTED] commented that for the last six months he has been reading the monthly reports of the Branches and the Divisions and that he has been particularly interested in the statements of problems in the Branch reports. He suggested that the Division Chiefs should instill in the Branch Chiefs the idea that they should start action on problems as well as report the problems in the monthly report, and statements of problems should indicate action that has been taken and further recommendations. If a Branch Chief cannot

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25X1A9a handle a particular problem then it is up to the Division Chief, Area Chief or the AD/RR to handle the problem. This attitude and approach to problems will have to be carefully developed and the Division Chief should help the Branch Chiefs in this aspect of staff work. 25X1A9a commented that the monthly reports show that the Branch Chiefs are doing a good job of analyzing and reporting.

25X1A9a 7. Mr. 25X1A9a reported that he now has an office in State Annex 1 and that 25X1A9a is working there temporarily. Eventually 25X1A9a will be located in this office full time.

25X1A9a 8. 25X1A9a described a complicated situation that has developed concerning the Thailand E & E study. The study was requested by FEAF of CINCPAC. The request was given to ONI to fulfill and ONI has requested D/GG support on the study. When the Navy completes the study it will be forwarded to CINCPAC to FEAF to USAF and then to D/GG for review and publication.

25X1A9a 9. 25X1A9a reported that the current interest in Antarctica has resulted in the decision to complete four NIS Chapters on that area. The Chapter IX will have to be handled by D/GG, with D/GP to do the photography portion.

25X1A9a 10. 25X1A9a commented that the Intelligence Principles and Methods course does not seem to be of significant value to new personnel who already have had research experience. So, he will request that most of D/GG's new employees be exempted in the future.

25X1A9a 25X1A9a commented that OTR is now dissatisfied with this course in its present form and is considering changes to make it of greater value. 25X1A9a requested that the Division Chiefs ascertain from new employees who have had this course their opinions as to its value and as to what changes would be needed to make it of value.

25X1A9a 11. 25X1A9a commented that good contacts for information on Antarctica are John Roscoe and Cmdr. Black.

25X1A9a 12. 25X1A9a reported on his recent four-day trip to Los Angeles. At the Society of Photogrammetry meetings much detailed information was presented on photo reconnaissance systems. At the

25X1A5a 25X1A9a, 25X1A9a talked to persons who were doing work of interest to D/GP. At the PSS-JCS meetings he reviewed new PI equipment.

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13. [REDACTED] reported his recent attendance at a meeting of the Air Force Reconnaissance Systems Panel.

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14. [REDACTED] commented that the third session of the Industrial Photo Intelligence Course is starting this week and that [REDACTED] is taking over the management of this course so that [REDACTED] can start developing a new course on Geographic Photo Intelligence.

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15. Mr. [REDACTED] asked if an NIS Base Map of the Antarctic region is to be prepared, and [REDACTED] said that he thought that [REDACTED] was getting a copy of the Navy's base map, which is roughly the proper size for an NIS base.

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*16. [REDACTED] reported that the EX/RR has indicated that a room will be established upstairs for Geographic Area personnel who need to work in that area. The room will probably be made available soon after 3 October when [REDACTED] returns from military leave.

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25X1A9a *17. [REDACTED] asked about progress of the development of an adequate map reference facility for vital storage use. [REDACTED] said that he was working on the problem and he thinks that he and [REDACTED] should visit the Center to study the problems.

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25X1A9a *18. [REDACTED] announced that the Geographic Research Annex to the DD/I War Plan must be revised by 21 September. Copies will be sent today to Division Chiefs for study and a staff meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to work out the detailed reply.

25X1A9a *19. [REDACTED] also requested that the Division Chiefs prepare an answer to the question, "How would you use Military reservists in war time?"

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25X1A9a *21. [REDACTED] reported that D/GP is doing a photo intelligence study of the Langley site. Commander Forsberg was able to use a Navy plane to get new photography of the area last week. At the same time he flew photography of some other possible sites.

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